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SUBJECT: SOVIET STATEMENT ON CDU DEPUTY WHOLRABE'S MILITARY SERVICE

1. SOVIET PROTOCOL OFFICER CALLED ON U.S. (CHAIRMAN)
PROTOCOL OFFICER AUGUST 8 AND READ STATEMENT PROTESTING
RECENT, PUBLICIZED RESERVIST MILITARY DUTY PERFORMED IN
FRG BY BERLIN CDU BUNDESTAG DEPUTY JUERGEN WOHLRABE.
STATEMENT ASSERTED THAT PERFORMANCE OF THIS DUTY BY
WOHLRABE, "A PERMANENT CITIZEN OF BERLIN (WEST)
AND AT THE SAME TIME A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE WESTERN
SECTORS OF BERLIN IN THE BUDESTAG," WAS IN CONTRA-
VENTION OF FOUR POWER AGREEMENTS ON DISARMAMENT AND
DEMILITARIZATION, " ESPECIALY LAW NO. 8 OF THE ALLIED
CONTROL COUNCIL OF 13 NOVEMBER 1945, WHICH IS STILL IN
FULL POWER IN BERLIN (WEST)." STATEMENT CONCLUDED THAT
SOVIETS EXPECTED AUTHORITIES OF THREE POWERS TO TAKE
"APPROPRIATE MEASURES" TO PREVENT RECURRENCES.

2. MISSION HAS PROPOSED TO BRITISH AND FRENCH MISSIONS
THAT ORAL RESPONSE BE MADE TO ROMANOVSKY NOTING THAT
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ALLIES DO NOT CONSIDER ACTIVITIES SUCH AS WOHLRABE'S

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AS BEING IN CONTRADICTION TO DEMILITARIZATION LEGISLATION, WHICH APPLIES ONLY TO BERLIN AND DOES NOT PROHIBIT BERLINERS FROM VOLUNTEERING FOR MILITARY SERVICE OUTSIDE OF CITY. RESPONSE WOULD ALSO NOTE THAT ALLIES REGARD REPEATED VIOLATIONS OF DEMILITARIZED STATUS OF BERLIN BY GDR AS FAR MORE SERIOUS THAN CASE RAISED BY SOVIETS.KLEIN

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